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Bridge over Cherupuzhathodu in North Malabar.

* 229 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have got any proposal to construct a bridge for Cherupuzhathodu near Patichal, Payyannoor, North Malabar, and if so, what steps the Government have taken in this matter?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The work of constructing a bridge on the Cherupuzhathodu is under execution. The bridge will be completed by 31st December 1952."

The Mid Pennar Project.

* 230 Q.—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether investigation of Mid Pennar Project is over in Anantapur district;

(b) if so, whether orders have been issued for preparation of the detailed plans and estimates; and

(c) when this project will be commenced?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Plans and estimates have been prepared and are under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation).

" (c) This will depend on the finances available for new schemes."

Reservation of seat for Scheduled Castes in Udamalpet Municipality.

* 231 Q.—SRI A. M. RATNASWAMY :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the municipal election to the Udamalpet Municipality (Coimbatore) held recently no seat was reserved to the Scheduled Castes; and

(b) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Udamalpet Municipal Council while submitting proposals for the revision of wards and re-allocation of seats in the council proposed among other things the reservation of two seats for women only and did not propose reservation of any seat for the Scheduled Castes. On the basis of population and voting strength the Scheduled Castes are entitled to only one seat in the Council. As they had absolute majority in voting strength in Ward XI and as it was considered that they could secure the non-reserved seat in this ward

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in proposal of the council was accepted and no seat was reserved."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Number of deaths due to malaria.

72 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of malaria attacks treated in Government Hospitals in 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952 and the number of deaths in 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952 in the State?

A.—

Year.	Total treated.	Number of deaths.
(1)	(2)	(3)
1948	1,385,266	329
1949	1,189,335	364
1950	1,217,416	452
1951	1,191,406	321

1952 Figures will be compiled only in 1953.

Scales of pay of Agricultural Demonstrators.

73 Q.—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM: Will the Hon the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a difference in the scale of pay of Agricultural Demonstrators in the General Administrative Department and those in the Engineering Department with the same qualification;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Agricultural Demonstrators working in the Administrative Branch are not made permanent even after ten years' service, while in the Engineering Branch, the Demonstrators are made permanent soon after their recruitment; and

(d) if so, the reasons for it?

A.—(a) & (b) The scales of pay of the Upper Subordinates in the Agricultural Branch and the Engineering Supervisors in the Engineering Branch of the Agricultural Department are Rs. 100—5—140—(E.B.)—10—220 also are different.

(c) the answer is in the negative.

(d) does not arise.

Supply of boots to police constables.

74 Q.—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the resaons why in certain districts in the State, the police constables are supplied with war quality heavy leather boots, while in other districts the police constables are supplied with ordinary chappals; and